

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2473 - HB 2873

March 2, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Tennessee State Museum to relinquish and transfer possession, maintenance, storage, and the process of preservation of all historical relics relating to the Confederate States of America that are currently under the care and management of the state museum, including all items related to the Confederate States of America assumed from the Tennessee historical society beginning in 1927, to the Sons of Confederate Veterans' non-profit organization to be managed by the general executive council of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and housed at the Sons of Confederate Veterans' General Headquarters in this state.

Requires the Sons of Confederate Veterans to cover the total cost and labor to transfer such artifacts from the Museum to such headquarters.

Specifies that this legislation does not provide for the transfer of the Nathan Bedford Forrest bust, recently transferred from the State Capitol to the State Museum. In addition, specifies that this legislation only applies to items not currently on public display in the Civil War and Reconstruction permanent exhibition at the State Museum. However, should any of such items be permanently removed from public view, they must be immediately transferred pursuant to this legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information from the State Museum, the number of artifacts that could be transferred to the Sons of Confederate Veterans General Headquarters equates to over 4,000 separate artifacts.
- It is assumed that, at any given point in time, most of these artifacts are not currently on exhibit or display, but rather, kept in storage.
- It is not assumed that removal of these items will result in any reduction in space occupied by the Museum, but will allow for additional space for existing items and items the Museum acquires in the future.
- The Sons of Confederate Veterans will pay for the removal and transportation of these artifacts from the State Museum to the Sons of Confederate Veterans General Headquarters in Columbia, Tennessee.

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- There will be no reduction in employment for the State Museum associated with the removal of such artifacts.
- No significant impact to state government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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